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In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006, Applicant(s) respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and further examine the Application in view of the amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: Begin on page 11.